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Re: In re Application of: Hovanes et al.
Serial No.: 10/631,019
Filed: July 30, 2003
For: System And Method For Controlling Pressure
In A Surgical Tourniquet
Attorney Docket No.: 99-40049-US-C5

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing is a response to the Office Action which has a mailing date of December 1, 2005 in the above-entitled invention. The following documents are submitted herewith:

- 1) Response to Office Action dated ; and
- 2) A self-addressed stamped return receipt postcard

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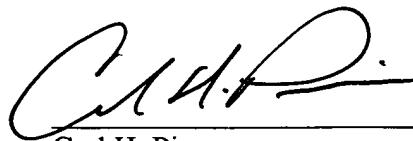
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For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING PRESSURE IN A SURGICAL TOURNIQUET**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed March 1, 2006 in the above-identified patent application which was assigned a shortened statutory period, set to expire June 1, 2006. Accordingly, Applicant deems this Amendment and Response timely filed.

Should there be any additional fees due and owing, or being paid in excess of any required amount, with respect to this application, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fees or to credit such overpayment to deposit account no. 18-0586.

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